

The National Council For A New America Solutions For The American People

The National Council for a New America unites leaders from across the country to begin a dialogue with the American people about how best to meet our common challenges and build a stronger country through common-sense ideas and solutions that will help every American.

However, for this effort to be successful, the real leaders will be the American people. We have invited Americans from all walks of life to join with us as we begin anew, rebuilding and reenergizing our nation. We hope to engage other national and local leaders, grassroots activists and citizens and inspire them to work with us to solve problems with workable conservative solutions. The following are not the only issue areas on which solutions will be offered, but form a starting point in our revitalization effort.

Real Solutions for the American People: Healthcare

No one doubts that our nation's health care system is in need of reform, but we must build on what already works for the millions of Americans who currently have access to high quality, affordable care; the ability to choose their own doctor; and access to the right care, at the right time, and in the right setting. In addition, we must continue to focus on the innovation and scientific research that has resulted in thousands of cures for what were once life-threatening or debilitating diseases.

Increasing Access To Affordable Coverage:

For the self-employed and many small businesses, health insurance is simply too expensive. Big corporations benefit from their large purchasing power, which enables them to pool employees together and negotiate better deals. We must give small businesses and the self-employed the same opportunity and similar tools so they too can access affordable insurance.

A preexisting condition must not be a barrier to quality health care. Through reforms in the insurance system and government health care programs, we can make certain that the sickest amongst us are not left without insurance and access to quality care.

We must also address the hidden costs that are driving up the price of health insurance for all Americans. These hidden costs include government payment policies that shift costs to private insurance and overpay for some treatments while underpaying for others; frivolous lawsuits that benefit trial lawyers over patients; and excessive regulations that prevent the implementation of modern cost saving technologies.

Protecting What Works:

We will reform the health care system while protecting and expanding what works. Specifically, we will ensure that Americans who favor their current health insurance can keep it. But at the same time we will expand to all Americans the freedom to choose a plan that best meets their needs. We will guarantee that medical decisions are made by doctors and patients, not government officials paid to ration care and control costs. As a result, the incentives and the resources that contribute to breakthrough drugs and medical treatments will be enhanced rather than undermined.